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(Editor's note: We have had occasion to see a rare and privately printed booklet concerning the late Colonel George W. Abbitt. Mr. Abbitt was the grandfather of Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, and Commonwealth's Attorney, George F. Abbitt, Jr., Mrs. L. E. Conner, Col. Charles Abbitt, Mr. Herbert Abbitt, Mrs. Ben Snead, and many other prominent kinsmen here. We are taking the privilege of reprinting much of the material from this booklet.- Editor.)

Obituary and War Record of COLONEL GEORGE W. ABBITT of Appomattox County, Virginia

George W. Abitt was born in what is now a portion of Appomattox County on June 19th, 1828. As a boy and young man he was educated at Union Academy; after graduating from this school he pursued the occupation of farming until the beginning of the Civil War, at which time he was elected First Lieutenant of Company B, 46 Virginia Infantry, Wise's Brigade.

George W. Abbitt as a soldier had come into his predestined sphere, his bravery, courage and daring made a splendid example for of Captain, from which position he commanded not only the respect and obedience, but also, the admiration and love of his men, whom he invariably led into battle charging at the head of his Company with the courage and heroism that only a patriot can exhibit.

At the time of The Surrender, Colonel Abbitt was in command of his regiment, and now behold his actions when he knew the Southern Couse to be doomed. Yet, he lost not one whit of that fidelity that had marked all of his previous conduct. In fact, the incident which I will now narrate forms the climax of a war record that is equalled by few.

On the 8th of April, 1865, Colonel Abbitt obtained permission to spend the night with his family, but next morning he was back at his post marching at the head of his

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. . . Colonel G. W. Abbitt

regiment to the Old Court House, knowing full well that Surrender was imminent, and that there was no means of escape for Lee's shattered forces; yet notwithstanding this, and also the fact that he left his wife and six children unprotected, he returned to his post, from where in all probability he would soon be sent to some Northern prison.

This incident is an index to Colonel Abbitt's war record. Colonel Abbitt as a citizen was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was at one time Commissioner of Revenue, and later County Clerk. He lived to the ripe old age of 84 years, dying on June 25th, 1912. His interment took place at his home, "Gravel Knoll," Appomattox County, on Thursday, June 27th. His grandsons, Messrs. G. R., R. O., W. B. and Ber Abbitt, and W. J. and A. W. Covington, serving as pallbearers, while his grand-daughters acted as flower-bearers.

He was survived by nine children, viz: A. H. Abbitt, of Lynchburg; R. D. Abbitt, Mrs. W. J. Covington, R. W. Abbitt, Mrs. Andrew White, George F. Abbitt, of Appomattox County; A. B. Abbitt, of Newport News; C. W. Abbitt, of Amherst County, and Mrs. Mark Bernard, of Norfolk, Va. He was survived by his widow.

The history of Colonel Abbitt's life may be summed up in one sentence: He was a brave soldier, honorable gentleman, and a true Christian.

—A Comrade.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 24, 1867. To W. M. Hannah, of the Senate; and F. N. Watkins, Esq., House of Delegates:

Gentlemen - I am informed by one of your constituents that the name of Colonel G. W. Abbitt, of Appomattox, will be brought before the Legislature for the office of Brigadier - General of Militia.

I take great pride and pleasure in urging his election. No one can know better than I do his worth as a man, a patriot and soldier. He was under my command through nearly the whole war; was with me in Northwestern Virginia, in North Carolina, at Roanoke Island, at Chaffin's Bluff, at Williamsburg and Malvern Hill, John's Island in South Carolina, at Walthall Junction, at the defences of Petersburg on the 9th and 15th of June, 1864, at the storming of the Hawlett's lines, in the trenches around Petersburg, on the right of the Confederate lines at Hatcher's run, and especially under my eye on the 29th of March, 1865, at the forks of the Military Road and the Buckingham Plank Road, and on the 31st of March, 1865, on the White Oak Road, and during the entire retreat from that ground to the surrender at Appomattox. He was with me in that retreat in the fight at the Magazine at Big Creek, at Flat Creek, at the memorable fight of the 6th of April, 1865, at Sailor's Creek, and on every occasion he was more than efficient. He was steady at his post, always in his place, calm, cool, and sensible in every respect. On the 31st of March, and some time before that day, he was in command of his regiment, the Fourth Virginia, and when, in attempting a difficult movement under a hot fire, it broke. He manly rallied it, and my whole left, and enabled me to bring off my Brigade with honor. He led his Regiment in the last rally and volley at Appomattox, and I parted with him as a brother officer, in whom as a man, modest, intelligent; as a patriot, constant, and as an respectful and obedient efficient.

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These were words of warning from Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, for motorists over the forthcoming Fourth of July week-end.

In analyzing the nine crashes which killed 17 people in Virginia during the two-day Fourth of July week-end last year, Colonel Woodson noted that there were seven drastic speed violation, three equally drastic cases of improper passing, three incidents of drinking participants and one crash which yielded no other explanation than that the driver had fallen asleep.

Coolnel Woodson stated that holiday drivers are often prone to hurry to their destinations. Once there, the tendency is to indulge in more exercise than is customary, to go without proper amounts of sleep, and sometimes to consume undue amounts of alcoholic beverages. Finally, they might, wait until the last minute to start their return trips.

Return trips, he said, made in dangerous darkness, with drivers not in their best physical conditions and with highways crowded with other drivers operating under similar conditions, account for most holiday deaths.

"Of course," Colonel Woodson commented, all drivers will not do all of these things. However, many will do some of them and one driver doing one of them can spell disaster."

Touching on defensive driving, the safety official called attention to national estimates that on a year-around basis which indicate that seven out of 10 people who are killed or injured in traffic suffer from the faults of others. He then asked that drivers try to anticipate dangerous situations which might arise and relinquish right of way at any sign of trouble, cut their speeds after dark and refuge to ride as passengers with those who are driving recklessly or are not in excellent physical condition.

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The most serious mistake made by growers who irrigate is that of applying too much water too frequently. Applying too much water, plus some natural rainfall, can result in "drowned tobacco." Too much water also leaches out valuable plant nutrients. Growers who grow their tobacco on course textured, sandy soils should be particularly careful about leaching, Mathews says.

Men with experience in irrigating flue-cured tobacco feel that two of the most important times to irrigate are at transplanting time and when plants are from knee-high to the early bloom stage. Light applications during other stages of growth and during harvest will improve the size and quality of the leaf.

Mathews lists these points to remember about irrigating tobacco:

Too much water will increase the losses from soft rot, especially when plants are topped and suckered when wet or when the humidity is high.

Too much water, plus close spacing, will often produce low quality tobacco that is pale, slick, and lacking in flavor and aroma.

Diseases can be introduced with contaminated water.

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Moderation is the key to irrigating tobacco, Mathews concludes.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, June 28.- The Massie Hamilton Circle met in the home of Mrs. R. J. Paulette on last Thursday evening.

Miss Peggy Wooldridge entered Phillips Business College in Lynchburg this week.

Mr. Oscar Baker, of Richmond, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. David Garrette, of Alexandria visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morris and family have moved to Richmond.

Mrs. Alice Jackson, of Richmond is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara Garrett.

The Vacation Bible School Commencement was held last Wednesday night with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Glover, of Crewe were the dinner guests last Monday evening of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. James Paulette and daughters are spending this week at Norfolk and Portsmouth visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Jr., of Blacksburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and son, Ronnie last Sunday, the occasion being Mrs. Harvey's birthday.

Mr. Wilson Butler, and Miss Audrey Duke, of Carrsville, were the luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Young visited relatives at Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Garett, of Lynchburg visited his mother, Mrs. Clara Garrett Sunday P. M.

Mr. H. C. Staples, Jr., of Richmond spent the week-end with his his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples, Sr.

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County Line

County Line, June 22.- (Received too late for last week's issue).- We had a fine rain here on Sunday night.

Mr. Frank Moore and Mr. Robert Mann made a business trip to Columbia, S. C. one day last week.

Margaret Moore expects to have her tonsils removed at Memorial Hospital Monday, June 27.

Mr. Howard Jordan and family, of N. C., spent the week-end with home people.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson were dinner guests last Sunday of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman, of Lynchburg.

Miss Gayle Robinson spent last week with her aunts Mrs. Bernard Pillow and Mrs. Roscoe Ramsey, and attended Bible School at Midway Church.

Mr. Bascom Hodson and family, of Newport News spent this week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson.

Miss Linda Nash spent last week in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. Nelson Mann.

Vernie Jones is suffering with bronchitis.

Little Paul Mullin has been on the sick list.

Mr. Willard Chairke is in McGuire Hohsiptal, Richmond, for eye treatment. The Clarkes lived here at one time.

Mrs. Tilden Paulette and Mrs. Nannie Ferguson visited in the home of Vernie Jones Sunday P. M.

Mr. Arthur Mullin has a new Ford Falcon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Mayberry and family, of Richmond, spent the week-end with relatives here. Margie Mayberry is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Mullin.

Mrs. Fay Collier and baby, of Hampton are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayberry.

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